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To the Chairman and Members of the Amble Urban District Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my fourth Annual Report on the health and sanitary conditions of the district for the year 1963.

Perusal of the statistics show no significant changes. The population is little different from that of the previous year. There was a drop however, in the birth rate; in 1962 128 births were registered, but in 1963 this number had fallen to 101. The number of births in 1962 was exceptionally large, and last year's number, when expressed at the rate per thousand, is still slightly higher than the national average.

Regrettably there were two infant deaths during the year. The total number of deaths showed a fall from 67 in 1962 to 58 in 1963. The great majority of all deaths were due to vascular lesions and malignant causes.

During the year there was a large number of notifications of measles, whereas in the previous year there had been none, demonstrating again the well known two yearly cycles which are a feature of this disease. Unfortunately there were six notifications of whooping cough and two of pulmonary tuberculosis. During 1963, 19 cases of dysentery were notified. It may be recalled that in the previous year there was a prolonged outbreak, when over 100 cases occurred. There appears to have been no connection between the cases that occurred in the different years. Those that were notified last year were limited to three or four families and occurred at different times of the year, and there was no apparent connection between them.

The immunisation and vaccination state of the district is reasonably satisfactory, particularly in the young age groups.

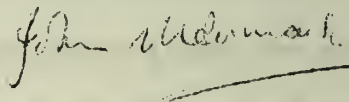
The Surveyor and Public Health Inspector in his Report lists the number of houses that have been built and improved during the last year. It is encouraging to see the increase in the number of dwellings that have been built. These houses, together with those of the current building programme will obviously be a great help in solving the acute housing shortage. It seems unfortunate that the number of discretionary grants has fallen off in the last year.

There are still very many houses in Amble that could be brought up to modern standards by the use of Improvement Grants. Local Authorities have the necessary powers to enforce the improvement of houses with their Grant Aid Schemes. The time must be approaching when action along these lines will be necessary.

1963 saw the introduction of legislation to ensure a fully comprehensive meat inspection service by the Local Authorities. It is now mandatory for all meat destined for human consumption to be passed by a qualified inspector.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their interest, and members of the Council staff for their continued help and co-operation during the year.

I am,  
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,



Medical Officer of Health

GENERAL STATISTICS

The area of the district was 1,220 acres.

The number of inhabited houses was 1,626 and the number of new houses completed during the year was 40.

The rateable value was £112,016 and the sum represented by a penny rate was £455.

The estimated mid-year population was 4,960 and this figure was taken when calculating the birth and death rate.

VITAL STATISTICS

| <u>Live Births</u>                                     | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Legitimate                                             | 59           | 40             | 99           |
| Illegitimate                                           | <u>1</u>     | <u>1</u>       | <u>2</u>     |
| Totals                                                 | <u>60</u>    | <u>41</u>      | <u>101</u>   |
| Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 of the population           |              |                | 20.36        |
| Crude Birth Rate multiplied by Comparability Factor    |              |                | 20.97        |
| Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births |              |                | 1.98         |

Stillbirths

|                                                       |          |          |          |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Legitimate                                            | 2        | 1        | 3        |
| Illegitimate                                          | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Totals                                                | <u>2</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>3</u> |
| Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births |          |          | 28.84    |
| Total live and still births                           |          |          | 104      |

Infant Deaths (deaths under one year)

|              |          |          |          |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Legitimate   | 1        | 1        | 2        |
| Illegitimate | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Totals       | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> |

Infant Mortality Rates

|                                                               |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births               | 19.80 |
| Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births     | 20.20 |
| Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births | -     |

Neo-natal Mortality Rate

|                                                     |          |          |          |
|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Legitimate                                          | 1        | 1        | 2        |
| Illegitimate                                        | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Totals                                              | <u>1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2</u> |
| Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births |          |          | 19.80    |

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate

|                                                   |          |          |          |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Legitimate                                        | -        | -        | -        |
| Illegitimate                                      | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Totals                                            | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births |          |          | -        |

Perinatal Mortality Rate

|                                                                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Stillbirths and deaths under one week combined per 1,000 total live and still births | 28.84 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|

Maternal Mortality (including abortion)

|                                            |   |
|--------------------------------------------|---|
| Number of deaths                           | - |
| Rate per 1,000 total live and still births | - |

| <u>Deaths</u>                                       | <u>Males</u><br>30 | <u>Females</u><br>28 | <u>Total</u><br>58 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Crude Death Rate per 1,000 of the population        |                    |                      | 11.69              |
| Crude Death Rate multiplied by Comparability Factor |                    |                      | 12.04              |
| Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis                        |                    |                      | -                  |
| Deaths from Other Puerperal Causes                  |                    |                      | -                  |
| Deaths from Cancer                                  |                    |                      | 7                  |

CHIEF CAUSES OF DEATH

|                                         | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Tuberculosis (Respiratory)              | 1            | -              | 1            |
| Tuberculosis (Other)                    | -            | -              | -            |
| Syphilitic Disease                      | -            | -              | -            |
| Diphtheria                              | -            | -              | -            |
| Whooping Cough                          | -            | -              | -            |
| Meningococcal Infections                | -            | -              | -            |
| Acute Poliomyelitis                     | -            | -              | -            |
| Measles                                 | -            | -              | -            |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases  | -            | -              | -            |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach             | 1            | -              | 1            |
| " " Lung, Bronchus                      | -            | 1              | 1            |
| " " Breast                              | -            | -              | -            |
| " " Uterus                              | -            | 1              | 1            |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 2            | 2              | 4            |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia                   | -            | -              | -            |
| Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System  | 7            | 3              | 10           |
| Coronary Disease, Angina                | 9            | 4              | 13           |
| Hypertension with Heart Disease         | -            | 1              | 1            |
| Other Heart Disease                     | 1            | 4              | 5            |
| Other Circulatory Disease               | 4            | 1              | 5            |
| Influenza                               | -            | -              | -            |
| Pneumonia                               | -            | 2              | 2            |
| Bronchitis                              | -            | -              | -            |
| Other Diseases of Respiratory System    | -            | -              | -            |
| Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum           | -            | -              | -            |
| Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea      | -            | -              | -            |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis                 | -            | -              | -            |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate                 | 1            | -              | 1            |
| Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion         | -            | -              | -            |
| Congenital Malformations                | 1            | -              | 1            |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | 1            | 7              | 8            |
| Motor Vehicle Accidents                 | -            | -              | -            |
| All Other Accidents                     | -            | 2              | 2            |
| Suicide                                 | 2            | -              | 2            |
| Homicide and Operations of War          | -            | -              | -            |
| Diabetes                                | -            | -              | -            |
| Totals                                  | <u>30</u>    | <u>28</u>      | <u>58</u>    |

INFANT MORTALITY

| <u>Cause of Death</u>         | <u>Age</u> | <u>Place of Death</u>                                      |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| Congenital cyst of the Brain. | 4 weeks    | 3, Amble House, Amble.                                     |
| Broncho Pneumonia             | 2 weeks    | The Leazes, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne. |

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

|                           |     |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Scarlet Fever             | -   |
| Whooping Cough            | 6   |
| Diphtheria                | -   |
| Measles                   | 129 |
| Pneumonia                 | -   |
| Cerebro-spinal Meningitis | -   |
| Enteric Fever             | -   |
| Erysipelas                | -   |
| Acute Poliomyelitis       | -   |
| Dysentery                 | 19  |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum     | -   |
| Puerperal Pyrexia         | -   |
| Smallpox                  | -   |
| Paratyphoid Fever         | -   |
| Food Poisoning            | 2   |
| Encephalitis              | -   |

TUBERCULOSIS

| Age Groups | New Cases |   |               |   | Deaths    |   |               |   |
|------------|-----------|---|---------------|---|-----------|---|---------------|---|
|            | Pulmonary |   | Non-Pulmonary |   | Pulmonary |   | Non-Pulmonary |   |
|            | M         | F | M             | F | M         | F | M             | F |
| 0-15       | -         | - | -             | - | -         | - | -             | - |
| 15-25      | -         | - | -             | - | -         | - | -             | - |
| 25-45      | -         | - | -             | - | -         | - | -             | - |
| 45-65      | 2         | - | -             | - | -         | - | -             | - |
| 65+        | -         | - | -             | - | 1         | - | -             | - |
| Totals     | 2         | - | -             | - | 1         | - | -             | - |

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATIONNorth No. 1 and 2 Areas

The following table shows the number of persons vaccinated against poliomyelitis during the year ended 31st December, 1963.

|                                               |                | <u>Number of Persons</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| Two Injections                                | - Salk Vaccine | 6                        |
| Third Booster                                 | - Salk Vaccine | 37                       |
| Fourth Booster                                | - Salk Vaccine | -                        |
| Three Doses                                   | - Oral Vaccine | 1,094                    |
| Booster dose oral after two Salk injections   |                | 184                      |
| Booster dose oral after three Salk injections |                | 420                      |
| Booster dose oral after three Oral doses      |                | 13                       |

SMALLPOX VACCINATIONNorth No. 2 Area

| Number Vaccinated during Period |            |    |     |      |               |       | Number Re-vaccinated |   |     |      |               |       |  |
|---------------------------------|------------|----|-----|------|---------------|-------|----------------------|---|-----|------|---------------|-------|--|
|                                 | Under<br>1 | 1  | 2-4 | 5-14 | 15 or<br>over | Total | Under<br>1           | 1 | 2-4 | 5-14 | 15 or<br>over | Total |  |
| Alnwick U.D.                    | 10         | -  | -   | -    | 10            | 20    | -                    | - | -   | 1    | 19            | 20    |  |
| Alnwick R.D.                    | 27         | 7  | 4   | 5    | 3             | 46    | -                    | - | 2   | 16   | 35            | 53    |  |
| Amble U.D.                      | 8          | 26 | 3   | 2    | 8             | 47    | -                    | - | 1   | -    | -             | 1     |  |
| Rothbury R.D.                   | 53         | 5  | -   | 3    | 3             | 64    | 1                    | - | -   | 3    | 3             | 17    |  |
| Totals                          | 98         | 38 | 7   | 10   | 24            | 177   | 1                    | - | 3   | 20   | 67            | 91    |  |

IMMUNISATION

| Primary Immunisation                            |            |    |   |   |   |     |       |       | Secondary (Reinforcing) Injections |   |    |    |    |     |       |       |  |
|-------------------------------------------------|------------|----|---|---|---|-----|-------|-------|------------------------------------|---|----|----|----|-----|-------|-------|--|
|                                                 | Under<br>1 | 1  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5/9 | 10/14 | Total | Under<br>1                         | 1 | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5/9 | 10/14 | Total |  |
| Diphtheria                                      | -          | -  | - | - | - | -   | -     | -     | -                                  | - | -  | -  | 1  | 6   | -     | 7     |  |
| Diphtheria<br>and Tetanus                       | -          | 1  | - | - | 1 | 8   | -     | 10    | -                                  | 1 | 4  | 3  | 4  | 23  | -     | 34    |  |
| Diphtheria,<br>Whooping<br>Cough and<br>Tetanus | 34         | 49 | 1 | 1 | - | 15  | -     | 100   | -                                  | 2 | 44 | 9  | 5  | 10  | -     | 70    |  |
| Totals                                          | 34         | 50 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 23  | -     | 110   | -                                  | 3 | 48 | 12 | 10 | 39  | -     | 111   |  |

THE SURVEYOR'S & PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENTSTAFF

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MR. W. MAVIN (APPOINTED FEBRUARY, 1964)

CLERK/TYPIST.

MISS D. GALLAUGHER.

Council Offices,

AMBLE.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1963.

The year proved to be a good year so far as the health conditions of the district were concerned and it also proved to be a good year for the furtherance of the policies formulated by the Council for the future of Amble.

The Slum Clearance programme was pursued, the Closing and/or demolition of unfit houses and the making fit of other unfit houses by means of Improvement Grants has improved the housing conditions. The erection of 38 houses for sale also helped the situation as a number of purchasers vacated unfit houses which were either closed or improved. Further houses were provided by private enterprise building. The lack of building land within the District restricts to some extent the provision of much needed houses by this method.

During the year the Council formulated plans for the erection of 54 much needed houses. Of these, 10 are 1 bedroom and fourteen 2 bedroom bungalows intended in the main for older people. A much needed requirement in a community where more than 10% of the population are over 65 years old.

The purchase of Link House Farm was finally accomplished this year, opening the way to the development of the proposed new caravan site which will be provided with all the necessary toilet facilities.

A number of visits were made on notification of infectious diseases but the number notified is decreasing year by year.

Inspections under the Food Hygiene Regulations and Factories Acts are not made as regularly as I would wish owing to the pressure of work in other directions.

I wish to thank the Council for their encouragement and interest in the work of the Department, also the staff for their continued hard work and the Medical Officer of Health for his advice and support.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

J. A. RODGETT.

Surveyor & Public Health Inspector.

HOUSINGSTATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1963.

| New Houses Completed during the year. | With State Assistance | Unaided | Total |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| (a) By Local Authority                | -                     | 38      | 38    |
| (b) By any other Housing Authority    | -                     | -       | -     |
| (c) By private persons                | -                     | 12      | 12    |

Total number of inhabited houses in the District 1626

Total number of houses owned by the Local Authority 347

ACTION WITH REGARD TO UNFIT HOUSES

| <u>Closing and Demolition</u>                                                        | <u>No. of Houses</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Houses demolished in Clearance Areas.                                             | -                    |
| 2. Houses demolished not in Clearance Areas.                                         | 3                    |
| 3. Houses closed and not demolished.                                                 | 8                    |
| 4. Any other houses permanently discontinued as dwellings and not included in above. | 4                    |

RepairsHouses Made Fit.

|                                                   |   |
|---------------------------------------------------|---|
| 5. By informal action                             | 2 |
| 6. By owners following statutory notice           | 2 |
| 7. By Local Authority in default of owners        | - |
| 8. Demolition Orders revoked after reconstruction | - |

Houses Patched

|                                                                                      |   |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 9. Houses in clearance areas still in use at end of year for temporary accommodation | - |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|

IMPROVEMENT GRANTSHousing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958as amended byHouse Purchase and Housing Act, 1959andHousing Act, 1961

| A. <u>DISCRETIONARY GRANTS</u>                                                              | <u>No. of Separate Houses</u> |                      |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) Applications submitted to Local Authority during the year                               |                               | 21                   |
| (2) Applications rejected                                                                   |                               | 1                    |
| (3) Applications approved                                                                   |                               | 20                   |
| (4) Approximate average grant per house                                                     |                               | £353                 |
| (5) Total number of houses approved for grant in the area since the inception of the scheme |                               | 188                  |
| B. <u>STANDARD GRANTS</u>                                                                   |                               |                      |
|                                                                                             | <u>During the year</u>        | <u>Total to date</u> |
| (1) Number of separate houses for which grants have been made                               | 9                             | 11                   |
| (2) Number of houses so provided with:-                                                     |                               |                      |
| a) bath or shower                                                                           | 2                             | 2                    |
| b) wash hand basin                                                                          | 2                             | 2                    |
| c) hot water supply                                                                         | 3                             | 3                    |
| d) water closet                                                                             | 9                             | 11                   |
| e) food store                                                                               | 6                             | 6                    |

A. DISCRETIONARY GRANTS

The number of applications (21) was a decrease on the previous year (37) and the final figure of twenty approved applications consisted of five tenanted properties and fifteen owner/occupied properties.

The total properties improved now constitute 8.6% of all properties within the district but I would like to see this figure considerably increased as there are still many substantial properties that ideally lend themselves to improvement.

B. STANDARD GRANTS

There was a marked increase in standard Grant improvements during the year and it is hoped that this trend will continue. In the main the applications were for the provision of an internal water closet as there are still a large number of houses with outside water closets. As much publicity as possible has been given regarding the availability of grants for improvements.

HOUSING

Following a comprehensive survey of unfit properties in the district it was agreed that any of these unfit properties which were vacated should be closed and/or demolished. As a result, eight properties were closed and of these, three were demolished, two in 1963 and one early in 1964.

To enable the rehousing and slum clearance programme to proceed it was agreed that a further development of 54 houses consisting of 10 one bedroom bungalows, 14 two bedroom bungalows, 9 two bedroom houses and 21 three bedroom houses together with 26 garages in the St. Lawrence Avenue area be planned.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses situated within the Urban District.

CONVERSION TO WATER CLOSETS.

There are three earth closets in use in the district. One is situated at property to be dealt with under a Clearance Order, one is situated at a farm cottage on the rural outskirts and the third is at a property where the Council have approved that payment be made under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936 the work however has not yet been carried out.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

The whole Urban District is satisfactorily sewered and except for the earth closets previously mentioned, all premises are on the water carriage system.

There are two main outlets to the sea, one at the Harbour and the other off the South-East foreshore. There was no evidence or complaints of pollution during the year arising from the outfalls.

Choked sewers and Council owned drains were expeditiously attended to by the Department and in the case of private drains a charge based on time taken was made.

All new drains and sewers for new development within the District were fully tested by the Surveyor or his staff prior to infilling.

CARAVAN SITES.

Once again the caravan sites proved successful during 1963. All static sites were allocated and touring caravans both from home and abroad were allocated temporary sites for night halts. There were many visitors requiring sites for tents, and a camping area was set aside for their accommodation.

The Social Centre building was put into full use at the commencement of the season and was licensed for music, singing and dancing. Various social functions were arranged at weekends and a full week of day and evening activities organised to coincide with Carnival Week.

The Link House Farm was acquired with effect from 11th November and the first phase of the development planned.

New toilet accommodation on the Lord Mayor's Caravan Site was commenced late in the year. The design is based on the future use of the area as a recreational space but on completion for the 1964 season the toilets will be used for caravan site occupiers.

Four wardens were employed on a rota basis to give a coverage of 7 days per week. Refuse collection was satisfactorily maintained reaching a daily collection at peak periods.

Total Income for the Year.....£10,076.      Total Expenditure.....£4,133.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES.

With the completion of the Homeville Housing Development, further grassed open spaces were incorporated into the programme of grass cutting. Consequently one man from the highways team was constantly engaged on grass cutting throughout the summer season.

Three part-time attendants were employed during the year in the Recreation Parks to carry out the various duties of maintenance, grass cutting, shrub trimming, care of gardens, supervision of the tennis courts and the issuing of tickets and collection of money, locking of gates etc...

The Cricket and Football Clubs each paid £15 for the use of the Park at their home matches whilst the tennis courts brought in revenue from local Youth Clubs and members of the public generally.

## STREET CLEANSING AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Street sweeping and gully emptying was carried out by the two men employed for this purpose. With the constant increase in the mileage of district roads due to new development, it is not possible to give an efficient sweeping and gully emptying service to all roads in the district. The two men employed for this purpose also carry out the cleansing of the public conveniences, rodent control, boiler stoking, drain clearing and other jobs, and there is no mechanical equipment to aid them, consequently some streets are neglected to some extent. It is interesting to note that the establishment of two sweepers has remained the same for the past 20 years.

Street gullies were cleansed as regularly as possible, and some chokages cleared. The fact that concessionary coal is delivered loose, adds to the problem as the coal dust washed into the gullies forms coal gum which tends to choke the outlet.

Public conveniences were cleansed twice daily and kept as clean as possible although sporadic outbreaks of vandalism created unnecessary expense. A new block of conveniences was under construction at the end of the year and on completion in 1964, will service the many visitors to the harbour area.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

The establishment of five employees, i.e. a chargehand/driver and four carriers remained unchanged during the year to give a regular weekly service to each property within the district, this included outlying farms whilst two mornings per week were devoted to trade refuse collection. During sickness and holiday periods, the staff was supplemented by members of the Highways Team. The collection of refuse from the caravan sites during the season was carried out satisfactorily by the Highways Team.

Collection continued to be made by a diesel-powered 7-cubic yard Karrier Bantam vehicle whilst the dual purpose Karrier low loader/refuse vehicle (normally used for highway repair work) was brought into use when required.

Refuse disposal throughout the year continued to be carried out at the disused Stone Quarry where a system of controlled tipping is in operation. One full-time attendant was employed to deal with all refuse, including that brought from surrounding areas of the Alnwick Rural District Council together with building and trade refuse. Extensive progress was made during the year and a large area of this deep waterfilled quarry was reclaimed. It is estimated that at the present rate of progress the quarry will be filled by 1965. Controlled tipping and earth moving will complete the reclamation for recreational purposes.

The problem of the disposal of butchers' waste from the slaughterhouses was overcome by the hire of a mechanical excavator to excavate a deep trench thus allowing the weekly disposal of waste each delivery being covered with the excavated material.

Waste paper was disposed of by burning and condemned tinned goods were buried.

The nett cost of collection and disposal (at 31st March, 1964) amounted to £4,738. and can be summarised as follows:-

| Population Estimate | Number of Weekly Collections |       | Method of Collection                                | Total Cost |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------------------|------------|
|                     | House                        | Trade |                                                     |            |
| 4,960               | 1                            | 1     | One x 7 cu. yd. side loading Karrier Bantam Vehicle | £4,738     |

## COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL COSTS

| Total Cost | Number of Premises | Cost per Premise | Cost per Head of Population | Rate  |
|------------|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| £4,738     | 1,888              | £2. 10. 2d.      | 19/1½d.                     | 10½d. |

## STREET LIGHTING

Street lighting is by electricity, and is accomplished by the use of tungsten and mercury vapour lamps and a variety of lanterns. The lanterns in the majority are fixed to the Electricity Board's cable carrying poles, some on wall mounted brackets, and some on concrete columns.

The General Improvement Scheme (Cost £7,050) mentioned in last year's report was adopted and sanction to borrow was approved after delays regarding the type of lighting units required by the Air Ministry and Trinity House. A start was made late in the year in Acklington Road where 4 Sodium Vapour lamps were erected to replace poles taken down. Also post top lanterns were erected in other parts of the town affected by the undergrounding of the cables.

New street lighting columns and lanterns were erected in new housing schemes and replacements to a number of damaged columns made.

With the revised agreement for street lighting, the following schedule gives details of lighting within the district:-

| Mercury Vapour |       |       |       | Sodium | Tungsten |      |       |       | Total | Period of Lighting              |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----------|------|-------|-------|-------|---------------------------------|
| 80W.           | 125W. | 240W. | 400W. | 140W   | 60W.     | 80W. | 100W. | 150W. |       |                                 |
| 6              | 1     | 4     | -     | 4      | -        | -    | 141   | 110   | 266   | Dusk to Mid-night, Nine Months. |
| 6              | 1     | 2     | 1     | -      | -        | -    | 1     | 14    | 25    | Dusk to Dawn, Twelve Months     |

On the caravan sites, there are 7 x 80W mercury vapour lamps, 5 x 60W tungsten lamps, and 15 x 100 tungsten lamps burning from dusk to dawn for the six months season.

In the public conveniences in the town, there are 5 x 60W lamps and 5 x 100W lamps burning from dusk to midnight for twelve months of the year.

## PETROLEUM ACTS AND REGULATIONS

During the year a total of 12 licences were issued after inspection of premises and 2 tank tests were carried out. Once again the assistance and advice of the County Fire Prevention Department was readily available and much appreciated.

## INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

195 visits were made to slaughterhouses during the year for the purpose of meat inspection when 579 cattle, 1,823 sheep and lambs and 60 pigs were examined. As a proportion of these carcasses were 'exported' out of the district, a claim under the provisions of the Slaughterhouses (Meat Inspection Grant) Regulations, 1958, was submitted to the Ministry and a 50% Grant of £8.5.4d. received for the year ending 31st March, 1963.

With effect from 1st October, the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963 came into force. These Regulations fully covered the many aspects of meat inspection and perhaps their most important provision was that of allowing local authorities to make charges, the maximum being:-

- 2/6d. for each horse or bovine animal other than a calf.
- 9d. for each calf or pig.
- 6d. for each sheep, lamb or goat.

Serious consideration was given to the proposed charges which were eventually adopted with effect from 20th November, 1963, and at the end of the year, carcasses inspected yielded a revenue of £13. 1. 3d.

The compulsory inspection and stamping of all meat prior to its removal from the slaughterhouse was also incorporated in the Regulations although, it is pleasing to report that 100% meat inspection has been carried out in Ambleside for several years due to the close co-operation of the two proprietors concerned.

All inspections were made during normal working hours and only on a few occasions was it found necessary to work overtime or during holidays.

34 visits were made to food shops for the inspection of unsound tinned and other foods when a total weight of 5 cwts. 6 qrs. 23 lbs. was condemned.

Inspections were made at Alnwick whilst the Public Health Inspector there was on holiday.

#### SLAUGHTERHOUSES

There are two slaughterhouses within the Urban District both of which are privately owned and which fully comply and are licensed as per the provisions of the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulations, 1958, and the Slaughter of Animals (Prevention of Cruelty) Regulations, 1961, the appointed day for which was 1st January, 1962.

Both slaughterhouses were re-licensed with effect from 1st January and were also found to be satisfactory on the routine visits made by representatives of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

The table giving figures of animals slaughtered during 1963 within the Urban District is to be found on the following page.

#### SLAUGHTERMEN

Sixteen licences to slaughter or stun animals were issued during the year and of these, two required the applicants to carry out slaughtering under supervision.

#### FOOD PREMISES

Inspection of food premises could only be made when visited for some other purpose and it is regretted that a comprehensive survey was still uncompleted at the end of the year. In practically all premises the handling of food is reasonably good as publicity both in the press and on television has made both the shopkeeper and customer more conscious of the dangers associated with poor food handling.

Any contraventions or deficiencies were brought to the notice of the owner or person in charge although it was not found necessary to institute proceedings for any contravention of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

#### MILK AND DAIRIES

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations are administered by the County Health Department who issue all dealers' licences. New applications are forwarded to this Department for the Public Health Inspector's observations as to the suitability of the applicant and his premises.

Milk sampling within the District was carried out by the County Health Department and of eleven samples taken, all were found to be satisfactory.

#### PUBLIC SWINNING BATHS

There are no public swimming baths within the Urban District.

#### WATER SUPPLY

The Council purchase water from the Coquet Water Board and re-sell to the Newcastle & Gateshead Water Company who are then responsible for its ultimate supply and distribution within the district. The water rates are collected by the Council on behalf of the Water Company. All complaints regarding quality are referred to the Water Company who carry out routine sampling and carry out chemical and bacteriological tests, details of the results being submitted to the Public Health Inspector. Of nine samples taken during the year all were classified as 'excellent'. In conjunction with the Department, a check of water points at the Harbour from which ships take on drinking water was carried out. Each point was sampled both before and after sterilizing and the results were classified as 'excellent'.

All properties within the district are supplied with mains water although there are still a proportion of properties without an internal supply except for a standpipe in the yard. These are all sub-standard houses where action under the Housing Acts is being carried out and will ultimately be either demolished or improved to Section 4 standards.

The following table gives figures of animals slaughtered during 1963 within the Urban District:-

|                                                        | Steers | Heifers | Cows and Bulls | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Rams and Ewes | Pigs |
|--------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------------|--------|-----------------|---------------|------|
| Number Killed                                          | 553    | 21      | 4              | 1      | 1816            | 7             | 60   |
| Number Inspected                                       | 553    | 21      | 4              | 1      | 1816            | 7             | 60   |
| <u>All Diseases Except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u> |        |         |                |        |                 |               |      |
| Whole Carcasses Condemned                              | -      | -       | -              | -      | 1               | 1             | -    |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned    | 254    | 3       | 3              | 1      | 79              | 3             | 15   |
| <u>Tuberculosis Only</u>                               |        |         |                |        |                 |               |      |
| Whole Carcase Condemned                                | -      | -       | -              | -      | -               | -             | -    |
| Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned      | 3      | -       | -              | -      | -               | -             | -    |
| <u>Cysticercosis</u>                                   |        |         |                |        |                 |               |      |
| Carcase of which some part or organ was condemned      | -      | -       | -              | -      | -               | -             | -    |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration      | -      | -       | -              | -      | -               | -             | -    |
| Generalised and totally condemned                      | -      | -       | -              | -      | -               | -             | -    |

The total amount of meat condemned amounted to 18 cwts. 1 qr. 20lbs. the majority of which was liver affected by fluke.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 - 19481. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| Premises<br>(1)                                                                                          | Number<br>on<br>Register<br>(2) | Number of          |                           |                                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                                          |                                 | Inspections<br>(3) | Written<br>Notices<br>(4) | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted<br>(5) |
| 1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority                     | 19                              | 14                 | -                         | -                              |
| 2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority                   | 4                               | 2                  | -                         | -                              |
| 3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises) | 2                               | 12                 | -                         | -                              |
| Totals                                                                                                   | 25                              | 28                 | -                         | -                              |

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found

| Particulars                                                                 | Number of cases in which defects were found |          |                    |                    | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                             | Found                                       | Remedied | Referred           |                    |                                                       |
|                                                                             |                                             |          | To H.M. Insp-ector | By H.M. Insp-ector |                                                       |
| (1)                                                                         | (2)                                         | (3)      | (4)                | (5)                | (6)                                                   |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1)                                                   | 1                                           | 1        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |
| Overcrowding (S.2)                                                          | -                                           | -        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3)                                              | -                                           | -        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4)                                                | -                                           | -        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)                                        | -                                           | -        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)                                                 |                                             |          |                    |                    |                                                       |
| (a) Insufficient                                                            | -                                           | -        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective                                                 | 1                                           | 1        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |
| (c) Not separate for sexes                                                  | -                                           | -        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) | -                                           | -        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |
| Totals                                                                      | 2                                           | 2        | -                  | -                  | -                                                     |

There are no outworkers within the Urban District.

AGRICULTURE ( SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956.

Of the seven farm premises within the district, compliance with the Act was found to be satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL

The duties continued to be carried out during the year by the Council as per the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949. Three employees who have undergone training courses were able to carry out treatments as occasion demanded in addition to their normal duties. Due to impending retirements it will be necessary for further employees to undergo training courses for the service to efficiently continue.

All treatments are carried out on receipt of complaint at both private and business premises, there being no charge made. As a result notification of infestation is not delayed and treatments can be made before major infestations occur.

Inspections of sewers showed no evidence of infestation which is considered due to the small diameter of sewers and the heavy flow therein which leaves little or no areas for infestation to occur.

The Council do not carry out contractual works at farm and agricultural premises and on inspections made, it was noted that stocks of recommended poisons were available for any infestations that may arise.

Membership of the Felton Rabbit Clearance Society was continued and the Society's Operator made frequent visits when any rabbit infestations occurred.

The following statistics (see following page) as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food show action taken during the twelve months ending 31st December, 1963.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

76 visits were made to premises within the district following notification of infectious disease by the Medical Officer of Health.

|                                                                                                                                | TYPE OF PROPERTY   |                                                              |                                                        |                                     | Agric-<br>cultur-<br>al |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
|                                                                                                                                | Non-Agricultural   |                                                              |                                                        |                                     |                         |
|                                                                                                                                | Local<br>Authority | Dwelling<br>Houses<br>(Includ-<br>ing Coun-<br>cil<br>Houses | All other<br>(Includ-<br>ing Bus-<br>iness<br>Premises | Total<br>of<br>Cols.<br>1,2 &<br>3. |                         |
|                                                                                                                                | (1)                | (2)                                                          | (3)                                                    | (4)                                 | (5)                     |
| 1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District.                                                                         | 6                  | 1626                                                         | 169                                                    | 1801                                | 18                      |
| 2. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notifications                                                           | 3                  | 36                                                           | 7                                                      | 46                                  | -                       |
| Number of such prop-<br>erties found to be<br>infested by:-                                                                    |                    |                                                              |                                                        |                                     |                         |
| COMMON RAT (Minor<br>only)                                                                                                     | 3                  | 32                                                           | 7                                                      | 42                                  | -                       |
| HOUSE MOUSE (Minor<br>only)                                                                                                    | -                  | 4                                                            | -                                                      | 4                                   | -                       |
| 3. Total number of prop-<br>erties inspected in<br>the course of survey<br>under the Act                                       | 2                  | 119                                                          | -                                                      | 121                                 | 12                      |
| Number of such prop-<br>erties found to be<br>infested by:-                                                                    |                    |                                                              |                                                        |                                     |                         |
| COMMON RAT (Minor<br>only)                                                                                                     | 1                  | 92                                                           | -                                                      | 93                                  | -                       |
| 4. Total number of prop-<br>erties otherwise insp-<br>ected (e.g. when visited<br>primarily for some other<br>purpose)         | 1                  | 414                                                          | 97                                                     | 512                                 | 4                       |
| 5. Number of infested<br>properties (in Sec.<br>2,3 & 4) treated by<br>Local Authority                                         | 4                  | 128                                                          | 7                                                      | 139                                 | -                       |
| 6. Total treatments car-<br>ried out including<br>re-treatments                                                                | -                  | -                                                            | -                                                      | -                                   | -                       |
| 7. Number of Notices<br>served under Section<br>4 of the Act                                                                   |                    |                                                              |                                                        |                                     |                         |
| (a) Treatment                                                                                                                  | -                  | -                                                            | -                                                      | -                                   | -                       |
| (b) Structural Work<br>(i.e. Proofing)                                                                                         | -                  | -                                                            | -                                                      | -                                   | -                       |
| 8. Number of cases in<br>which default<br>action was taken<br>following the issue<br>of a Notice Under<br>Section 4 of the Act | -                  | -                                                            | -                                                      | -                                   | -                       |
| 9. Legal Proceedings                                                                                                           | -                  | -                                                            | -                                                      | -                                   | -                       |

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AMBLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Section 1 - Staff.

TABLE A.

| of Officer | Nature of Appointment.    | Date of Appointment. | Qualifications.                                           | Any other Appointment Held.     |
|------------|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| McCormack  | Medical Officer of Health | November, 1960.      | M.B.,<br>B.S.,<br>D.P.H.                                  | Area Executive Medical Officer. |
| Rodgett    | Public Health Inspector.  | April, 1962.         | Cert.<br>Royal Sanitary Assoc. of Scotland.<br>M.A.P.H.I. | Surveyor.                       |

ess and telephone number      Res: The Close, West Acres, Alnwick.  
he Medical Officer of Health.    Tel: Alnwick 2480.  
  
Office: Area Health Office, Wagonway Road, Alnwick.  
Tel: Alnwick 2263.

Section 11 - Amount of shipping entering district during the year.

TABLE B.

| os from | Number | Number of Inspections |           | Number of ships reported as having during the voyage infectious diseases on board. |
|---------|--------|-----------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|         |        | By M.O.H.             | By P.H.I. |                                                                                    |
| ign     | 35     | -                     | 5         | -                                                                                  |
| stwise. | 442    | -                     | 42        | -                                                                                  |
| al      | 477    | -                     | 47        | -                                                                                  |

Section 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year.

TABLE C.

|                     |                                |                  |                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| essenger Traffic    | (Number of passengers inwards  | -                | Nil)           |
|                     | (Number of passengers outwards | -                | Nil)           |
| go Traffic.         | (Principal imports             | -                | Nil)           |
|                     | (Principal exports             | -                | Coal)          |
| ncipal Ports from   | Aberdeen (82)                  | Inverness (15)   | and mainly     |
| ich ships arrive :- | London (57)                    | Fraserburgh (12) | British Ports. |

## Section 1V - Inland Barge Traffic.

There is no inland barge traffic.

## SECTION V - Water Supply.

The Newcastle & Gateshead Water Company, supply both the port and shipping from town mains. The water is sold to the Harbour Commissioners who are responsible for supplying the ships. Supply is carried out by means of hydrants and hose-pipes. The hose-pipes are kept in the stores belonging to the Harbour Commissioners and flushed before being used. There are no water boats.

## Section V1 - Public Health (Ships) Regulations.

### 1. List of Infected Areas.

The weekly Epidemiological Report of the World Health Organisation is received by the Authority and copy forwarded to the Customs Officer who receives the declarations of health coming from ports other than excepted Ports. These are then forwarded to the Council Offices.

### 2. Radio Messages.

Link-up radio telephone through radio station Cullercoats to ship.

### 3. Notification otherwise than by radio.

Signals received by Coast Guard Station and communicated by telephone to Harbour Master's Office.

### 4. Mooring Stations.

Should any infectious disease exist on board, the ship is moored to the west jetty and quarantined until the proper steps are taken.

### 5. Arrangements for :-

#### (a) Hospital accommodation for Infectious Diseases.

Isolation for infectious diseases would be provided in Walker Gate Hospital, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

#### (b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts.

Surveillance and follow up of contacts is carried out by the Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspector.

#### (c) Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons, clothing and other articles.

Cleansing and disinfection of ships, persons clothing and other articles are carried out when required under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

## Section V11 - Smallpox.

(1) Smallpox cases would be sent by Ambulance to Langley Park Hospital, County Durham. Telephone : Langley Park 214.

(2) Transport would be by ambulance from the Northumberland County Council Ambulance Service.

### (3) Smallpox Consultants Available.

Dr. W. Minns, Deputy County Medical Officer, County Hall, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

Dr. J. Grant, Medical Officer of Health, Greenfield House, Gateshead.

Dr. H. Pearson, Dunston Hill Hospital, Gateshead.

Section V111 - Venereal Disease.

Available facilities for the diagnosis and treatment for venereal diseases at :-

General Hospital - Newcastle-upon-Tyne.  
Preston Hospital - North Shields.  
22, Stanley St. - Blyth.

Notices are exhibited in the Public Conveniences in the Town.

Section 1X - Cases of notifiable and other infectious diseases.

TABLE D.

No cases of infectious diseases were reported as having occurred on vessels during the voyage.

Section X - Observations on occurrence of malaria.

No cases of malaria have been reported.

Section X1 - Measures against ships suspected of infection with plague.

No cases of suspected plague have been reported.

Section X11 - Measures against rodents.

Vessels inspected showed little or no sign of rodent infestation.

Arrangements available for deratting are traps or poisoning.

TABLE E.

No rats were destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports, there being no evidence of rat infestation on any ships entering Amble Harbour.

TABLE F.

As Amble is not a designated approved Port, this section regarding de-ratting certificates does not apply.

Section X111 - Inspection of ships.

No nuisances were found in vessels inspected.

Section X1V - Public Health (Shell-fish) Regulations 1934-1948.

An area of the mouth of the River Coquet has been prescribed as a prohibited area for the laying of shell-fish beds or collection therefrom, in accordance with the above regulations. The prohibition has been in force since 19th November, 1946.

Section XV - Medical Inspection of Aliens.

The port is not approved for the landing of aliens.

Section XV1 - Miscellaneous.

The Council own a mortuary which is utilised in making arrangements for the interment of the dead.

JOHN McCORMACK.

Medical Officer of Health.





